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Ships.	*Captains.*	*Voyages.*	*To sail.*
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Egmont,		Coast and China,	Oct. 30.
Contractor,	W. Mackintosh.	Ditto	Nov.
Foulis,	G. Blackford.		
Royal Charlotte,	Josiah Pryce.	St Helena, F. St George & Bencoolen	Nov. 29.
Valantine,	John Lewis.		
Berrington,	John Johnston.		
Hillsborough,	W. Hardcastle.	Coast and Bay.	Dec. 14.
Earl of Mansfield,	William Fraser.		
Grenville,	B. Abercrombie.		Dec. 28.
Neptune,	Robert Scott.	Bombay.	Jan. 13.
Lord Camden,	Nath. Dance.		
Royal Admiral,	Joseph Huddart.	St Helena & Bombay.	Jan. 26.

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"And, in order to deter persons from aiding or assisting the proprietors of such private stills, in carrying on their fraudulent practices, it is further enacted, That when any officer or officers of Excise, shall at any time discover and find any private and concealed still, back, or vessel for the making, preparing, or keeping of wash, low wines, or spirits, or other materials preparing for distillation, and shall, at the same time, discover in the room or place where such private still, back or other vessel shall be so found, any person or persons, knowingly aiding, assisting, or any ways concerned in carrying on such private distillation, every such person and persons so discovered shall, (over and above all other penalties and forfeitures, that the proprietor or person in whose custody or possession the same shall be found, is now subject and liable unto), *forfeit* and lose the sum of THIRTY POUNDS; and it shall and may be lawful for the officer and officers of Excise, and all other persons acting in their aid and assistance, to stop, arrest, and detain all and every the person and persons so discovered in such room or place, and to convey the said person or persons before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the county, wherein such persons shall be so discovered as aforesaid; and it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices of the Peace respectively, on confession of the party, or by proof, on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, made of such offence, to convict the person or persons so discovered as aforesaid; and the person or persons so convicted shall immediately on such conviction, pay the said sum of THIRTY POUNDS into the hands of the officer who shall have conveyed such offender before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, to be applied as is afterwards directed; and on such offender or offenders refusing or neglecting to pay the said sum of Thirty Pounds, the Justice or Justices, so convicting as aforesaid, shall and may, by warrant or warrants, under his or their hand and seal, or hands and seals, COMMIT THE OFFENDER or offenders to THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION for the said county, there to remain, and be kept to hard labour for the space of SIX MONTHS, to be reckoned from the day of such conviction; and the person or persons so committed shall not be discharged, until he, she, or they shall have paid the said sum of THIRTY POUNDS, or until the expiration of the said SIX MONTHS: And in case the person or persons so convicted shall be again discovered in any room or place, where any private still, back, or other vessel, shall be discovered and found as aforesaid, ... ing, assisting, or otherwise concerned in carrying on any private distillery, he, she, or they, so again offending, shall, upon the like conviction forfeit and pay, for such second offence, the sum of SIXTY POUNDS, and shall be committed to the House of Correction in manner aforesaid, there to remain for and during the term of ONE YEAR, or until the said sum of Sixty Pounds shall be paid.

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The COMMISSIONERS OF EXCISE have caused public notice to be hereby given of the foregoing provisions and regulations in the abovementioned act of Parliament, that all persons concerned may duly attend thereto, and avoid the consequences which must necessarily follow their neglect, or disobedience.

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PRELIMINARY ARTICLES of PEACE *between his Majesty the King of* Great Britain, *and their High Mightinesses the* States General *of the United Provinces.*

In the name of the Most Holy Trinity,

THE King of Great Britain and the States General of the United Provinces, animated by a desire to put an end to the calamities of war, have authorised their respective Plenipotentiary Ministers, to sign a declaration between them for the suspension of hostilities; and being willing to re-establish between the two nations union and good understanding, so necessary both for the good of humanity in general, and for that of the States General and their respective subjects, have appointed for this purpose, viz. on the part of his Britannic Majesty, the most illustrious his Excellency George Duke of Manchester, his Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to his Most Christian Majesty; and on the part of their High Mightinesses the said States General their Excellencies Mathieu L'Estevenon de Berkenrode, and Gerard Brantsen, their Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Who having duly communicated their full powers in form, have agreed upon the following Preliminaries:

Article I. As soon as the Preliminaries shall be signed and ratified, sincere and constant friendship shall be established between his Britannic Majesty, his estates and subjects, and their High Mightinesses the States General of the United Provinces, their estates and subjects, of whatever quality or condition, without exception of place or person; so as that their high parties contracting shall pay the greatest attention to maintain between them, and their states and subjects, this amity and reciprocal correspondence, without hereafter permitting, that on the part of the one, or the other, any hostilities be committed by sea or land, under any possible pretext or cause; and they shall avoid carefully every thing which may alter the union so happily re-established, being assiduous, on the contrary, to procure reciprocally, on every occasion, such means as may contribute to their glory, interests, and mutual advantages, without giving any succour or protection, directly or indirectly, to those who do any prejudice to one or other of the high contracting parties. There shall be a general oblivion of all things committed or done since the commencement of the war, which is about to be finished.

Art. II. With regard to the honour and the salute by sea, given by the vessels belonging to the Republic to those belonging to his Britannic Majesty, they shall be continued respectively in the same manner as was practised before the commencement of the war, which is about to be finished.

Art. III. All the prisoners taken on either part, both by land and sea, and the hostages appointed or given during the war, and to this day, shall be restored without ransom within six months or more, reckoning from the day of the exchange of the ratification of the Preliminary Articles; each power defraying the expences which shall be incurred for the subsistence of the prisoners, by the Sovereign of the country where they may be detained, according to the receipts and other authentic titles which shall be produced by one or other part; and surety shall be given reciprocally for the payment of the debts which the prisoners shall have contracted in the States where they have been detained until the recovery of their full liberty; and all vessels, whether of war or commerce, taken after the expiration of the terms agreed on for the cessation of hostilities, shall be likewise restored, with all their crews and cargoes, and they shall proceed to the execution of this article immediately after the exchange of the ratification of the Preliminary Treaty.

Art. IV. The States General of the United Provinces yield and guarantee to his Britannic Majesty the town of Negapatnam, with its dependencies; but seeing the importance which the States General attach to the possession of the said town, the King of Great Britain, as a mark of his good will towards the States, promises, notwithstanding the cession of the place, to receive and treat with them for the restitution of the said place, in case the States shall have an equivalent to offer.

Art. V. The King of Great Britain shall restore to the States General of the United Provinces, Trincomale, with all the other towns, forts, harbours, and establishments, which in the course of the present war have been conquered in any part of the world, whether by the arms of his Britannic Majesty, or those of the English East India Company, and of which they shall be possessed in the entire state in which they found them.

Art. VI. The States General of the United Provinces promise and engage not to molest the navigation of the Britannic subjects in the Eastern seas.

Art. VII. As there are differences between the English African Company and the Dutch East India Company, relative to navigation on the coast of Africa, as well as concerning Cape Apollonia; in order to prevent all cause of complaint between the subjects of the two nations on those coasts, it is agreed on both sides to name Commissioners, who shall make the proper arrangements.

Art. VIII. All countries and territories which may have been conquered, or may be conquered, in any part of the world whatever, by the arms of his Britannic Majesty, or the States General, which are not comprehended in these articles, on account of cession or restitution, shall be restored without difficulty, and without a demand of compensation.

Art. IX. As it is necessary to assign a fixed epoch for the restitution and evacuations to be made, it is agreed, that the King of Great Britain shall cause to evacuate Trincomale, as well as all the towns, places, and territories, of which his armies have taken possession, and of which he is in possession, (excepting that which is yielded by these articles to his Britannic Majesty) at the same time that the restitutions and evacuations are made between Great Britain and France. The States General shall restore, at the same time, all the towns and territories of which they have taken possession from the English in the East Indies, in consequence of which the necessary orders shall be sent by each of the contracting parties, with reciprocal passports for the ships, which are to carry them immediately after the ratification of these preliminary articles.

Art. X. His Britannic Majesty, and their High Mightinesses the said States General, promise to observe sincerely and in good faith, all the articles contained in, and established by the present Preliminary Treaty; and they shall not suffer any contravention, direct or indirect, by their subjects; and the abovementioned high contracting parties do guarantee, generally and separately, all the stipulations of the present articles.

Art. XI. The ratifications of the present Preliminary Articles, expedited in due and good form, shall be exchanged in this city of Paris between the high contracting parties, in the space of a month, or sooner, if it can be done, reckoning from the day of signature of the present articles.

In faith whereof, we the undersigned, their Ambassadors and Plenipotentiaries, have signed our hands, in their name, and in virtue of our full powers, to the present Preliminary Articles, and have appended our seals.

Done at Paris the second day of September, 1783.

Signed (L. S.) MANCHESTER.
(L. S.) L'ESTEVENON VAN BERKENRODE.
(L. S.) BRANTSEN.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, *Sept.* 20.

St James's, September 18.

THIS evening the ceremony of the Christening of the young Princess was performed in the Great Council-Chamber, by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Her Royal Highness was named Amelia.

The Sponsors were, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and their Royal Highnesses the Princess Royal, and Princess Augusta.

AT the Court of St James's, the 17th of September, 1783.

PRESENT,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint Edmund Lincoln, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the island of St Vincent, Bequia, and such other the islands, commonly called the Grenadines, as lie to the northward of Cariacou in America, he this day in Council took the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of his Majesty's plantations.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint John Orde, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the island of Dominica, and its dependences, in America, he this day in the Council took the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of his Majesty's plantations.

Whitehall, September 20, 1783.

The King has been pleased to order Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Ireland, containing his Majesty's grant of the dignity of Baron of that Kingdom, to the Right Hon. John Lord Sheffield, and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, stile, and title of Baron Sheffield of Roscommon, in the county of Roscommon, in the said Kingdom; with remainders severally to his eldest daughter the Hon. Maria Holroyd, and to his youngest daughter the Hon. Louisa Holroyd, and the respective heirs-male of their bodies lawfully begotten.

The King has been pleased to order like Letters Patent to be passed, containing his Majesty's several Grants of the like dignity of Baron of the said Kingdom of Ireland, to the following Gentlemen, and the respective heirs-male of their bodies lawfully begotten, by the name, stiles, and titles under-mentioned, viz.

Arthur Pomroy, of Newbery in the county of Kildare, Esq; Baron Haberton of Carbery, in the said county.

Robert Clements, Esq; Baron Leitrim, of Manor Hamilton, in the county of Leitrim.

Francis Mathew, Esq; Baron Landaff, of Thomastown, in the county of Tipperary. And

William Tonson, Esq; Baron Riversdale, of Rathcormuck, in the county of Cork.

Also like Letters Patent for granting the dignity of a Baroness of the said Kingdom, to Mrs Christian Hely Hutchinson, wife of the Right Hon. John Hely Hutchinson, one of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council in Ireland, by the name, stile, and title of Baroness of Donoghmore of Knocklofty, in the county of Tipperary; and the dignity of a Baron of the said Kingdom, to the heirs-male of her body, lawfully begotten by the said John Hely Hutchinson.

Also like Letters Patent for granting the dignity of a Baron of the said Kingdom, to Sir John Hussey Delaval, Bart. and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, stile, and title of Baron Delaval of Redford, in the county of Wicklow.

And the like dignity of a Baron of the said Kingdom to John Pennington, Esq; and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, stile, and title of Baron Muncaster; with remainder to his brother Lieutenant-Colonel Lowther Pennington, Captain in his Majesty's Coldstream regiment of Foot Guards, and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten.

And the like dignity of a Baron of the said Kingdom to Richard Pennant, Esq; and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, stile, and title, of Baron Penryhn, in the county of Lowth.

St Ildefonso, Sept. 5. The Princess of Asturias was this morning happily delivered of two Princes, the eldest of whom was christened by the name of Charles, and the youngest by the name of Philip. Her Royal Highness is in a fair way of recovery.

War-Office, Sept. 20. 1783.

19th Regiment of foot, Ensign John Ramsay, from the 99th regiment, is appointed to be Ensign, vice William Caulfield.

20th Regiment of foot, Serjeant-Major ——— Anderson to be Quarter-Master, vice Charles Torriano. Benjamin Babbage, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Henry May.

21st Regiment of foot, Lieutenant James Baird, on the half pay of 21st foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Minchin Hobart. The Honourable George Colville to be Second Lieutenant, vice James Baird.

24th Regiment of foot, Cornet William Robison, on the half pay of the late 20th dragoons, to be Ensign, vice Thomas Mallie.

25th Regiment of foot, A. D. O'Kelly, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Watson Balderston. Mundeford Allen, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Joseph Gookson.

33d Regiment of foot, Lennard Jones, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Robert Clavering.

71st Regiment of foot, Ensign George Mackay, of the 1st battalion of the 60th regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Duncan Campbell.

73d Regiment, 2d battalion, Ensign Robert Mackworth to be Lieutenant, vice Murdoch Mackenzie. James Duncan, Clerk, to be Chaplain, vice Æneas Macleod.

94th Regiment of foot, William Gilbert, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Thomas Forbes.

99th Regiment of foot, John Byne Skerrett, Gent. to be Ensign vice John Ramsay.

100th Regiment of foot, Lieutenant Thomas Storrow, on the half pay of the late 86th regiment, to be Lieutenant in the additional, company, vice John Green.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, *Sept.* 19.

Whitby, 12. This day came in the Brilliant, Watkins, with the loss of her fore topmast and yards, and her sails greatly damaged; she landed troops at the Weser, and is going north about to America.

Captain Brenan, of the Three Brothers, arrived in the river from Barbadoes, on the 19th ult. in lat. 33. long. 58. parted with the Polly, and Charlotte, Gilbard, from Barbadoes to London, all well.

The Spanish brig, N. S. D. Cordola, Vretti, from St Ander for London, with wheat, is put into St Martin's, Isle of Rhe, with some damage.

The Young Johanaes, Vick, from Koningsburg to London, put into Copenhagen leaky, where she was obliged to be discharged.

The John, Molly, from Madeira to Quebec, was spoke by the Earl of Abercorn, Beatton, in the river St Lawrence.

The Scipio, Kirkman, from Teneriffe is on shore near Gravesend, but is expected to be got off with little damage.

The Essex, Morris, arrived at Plymouth from St Helena, left the Osterley Indiaman, all well, coming up the Channel.

From the London Papers, Sept. 20.

Berlin, Sept. 9. Letters from Poland bring the important news, "that the Turks have in effect declared war against Russia, and that their army has marched very rapidly towards the frontiers, to prevent the enemy entering their dominions." We expect shortly to hear of some bloody action. Prince Repnin, the Russian General, has penetrated into Walachia with the advanced guard of his army. The Austrians are ordered to set out the 8th of September, and the end of the year may produce events which may be of importance to all Europe. A Russian Colonel, named Tedujou, is traversing all Poland, taking with him the Russian subjects willing to enter into the service. Masters are obliged to let their slaves and servants go if they choose it, which has occasioned many complaints and disorders.

Elsineur, Sept. 5. An English ship has just passed the Sound, having on board 16 officers and 20 surgeons of that nation, engaged in the Russian service.

The officers of the Customs at Riga having demanded of six French ships arrived there the duty for the timber they had on board, the French Consul refused to pay it, alledging they were ships of war, and in consequence exempted from all duties.

Mentz, Sept. 11. Mr Fitzherbert, Envoy Extraordinary from his Britannic Majesty to the Court of Russia, arrived here last Monday, on his journey to Petersburgh.

We learn from Deux Ponts, that the Duke of Gloucester is expected there in a few days, and that they are making great preparations to receive his highness, who goes there to pay a visit to the Reigning Duke.

Hague, Sept. 15. The States of Holland and West Friseland finished their sittings the day before yesterday, and will recommence them the first of next month. The Earl of Shelburne, with his Lady, arrived here the day before yesterday; they were presented by Count de Wekleren, formerly Ambassador from this republic to England, to the Princess of Orange, and afterwards to the Prince himself, who received them in the most cordial manner, and discourse some time with them.

LONDON.

The Essex East Indiamen, which is arrived at Plymouth from the East Indies, left St Helena the 9th of July, when the Raymond, from London, was arrived there, and was to sail in four days for Bombay; the Asia had sprung her bowsprit, and was expected to sail in three or four days for Europe; and the Walpole sailed for the East Indies seven days before the Essex sailed.

Le Gupion advice-boat, arrived at L'Orient from India, brings accounts no farther down than to the beginning of April, which are but a fortnight later than those received this week at the East India House. At that time De Suffrein continued at Tranquebar, and had sent to Trincomale for Monsr. Bussi's reinforcement, who were repairing their damage which they sustained in the voyage from Europe, to join him; it was thought he was going to attack Negapatnam, to retake it for the Dutch, but this was far from being certain: at any rate, however, it was known that he was ready to sail on some expedition, but it was concealed with great secrecy.

One of the first acts of the American Congress, relative to commerce, has been the publishing a bill, whereby no vessels whatever are permitted to bring slaves from the coast of Africa, or other places, and to deliver them in any of the ports of the United States, except such as are clearly, and *bona fide*, the property of the subjects thereof.

On Wednesday, a large quantity of tobacco was imported from Virginia and Maryland, being the first imported from the said Colonies since the ceasing of hostilities.

They write from Paris, that the two Dutch Commissioners, resident in that city, will return home as soon as the Definitive Treaty is signed and exchanged between Great Britain and Holland, which will be very shortly, as the 12th of the next month is the longest period appointed for that business.

The States of Holland, now at the winding up of the war, find themselves losers by thirty-nine millions of golden ducats, valued at 9 s. 8 d. each, which amounts to near twenty millions of pounds Sterling. The Dutch are fond of *music*, and at the breaking out of the war cut a variety of *capers* in derision of Great Britain, which they considered to be a ruined country; but through the exertions of the present Administration, they too late find out *who pays the piper*.

We are informed that his Danish Majesty has sent a present to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, of a very large and valuable collection of books and manuscripts, calculated to illustrate that portion of the Scottish history, when the isles of Orkney, Shetland, and the Hebrides, were under subjection to the Crown of Denmark.—These islands were given to one of the Kings of Scotland in dowry with a daughter of Denmark.

By a letter from Paris, we understand, that some wags took into their heads to pass an old officer, lately from Gibraltar, upon the public for *General Eliott*. The populace swallowed the bait, and, for some days, places of entertainment and walks were crowded by thousands, all eager to see the *Defender of Gibraltar*, who, by the bye, now lives gloriously under the roof which he has protected.

The money subscribed for the relief of the widows and maimed soldiers of the Manchester Volunteers, lately returned from Gibraltar, amounts to considerably more than 500 l. and is still encreasing. No subscription was ever more judiciously opened, or more honourably opened. May its encrease keep pace with its deserts!

There have been three slight shocks of an earthquake in the island of Jamaica.

An enterprising genius, of the name of Wright, has constructed a most ingenious machine, which he calls a Diving Cap, which is much superior to all those inventions denominated Diving Bells, and which have proved coffins to several diving madmen, who ventured in them. The dangers of drowning and suffocation are, by this contrivance, rendered impossible; the whole apparatus weighing no more than two pounds seven ounces, is fitted on the neck, and encloses the head only, giving the diver all the advantages of using his hands and feet free from any incumbrance. His machine has been examined by several gentlemen who are Fellows of the Royal Society, who have been pleased to speak in its praise in terms of the highest panegyrick. He exhibited his Diving Cap in the river Nen, which runs from Wisbech to Northampton, at a place called Peerless Pool, in a depth of 29 feet of water, and continued under water three hours and 17 minutes, travelling up and down the river near two miles, picking up, as he went, fossils, which he conveyed to the surface of the water by a string made of a fine cord and a cork, which floated as soon as he let them go out of his hand, and entertained a most numerous company of spectators with several experiments, while he was thus employed in exploring a passage which never before was explored by mortals. The construction of this machine is globicular, and is twelve inches in diameter, having a pane of glass fixed to enable him to see his way; and on the top of it are two pipes of leather, guarded within with rings, to prevent pressure, which pipes are so contrived as to float on the surface of the water, having valves, which give a free passage of air, and which, from the peculiarity of their contrivance, prevent the water from making way into the Cap. From such genuisses as Mr Wright and Monsr. Montgolfier, we may soon expect to make journeys to the moon, or cross over on foot from Dover to Calais, and back, with as little trouble as we go on dry land.

The following is a copy of the will made by Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas, the evening previous to the fatal interview with Colonel Cosmo Gordon:—

London, Sept. 3. 1783.

"I am now called upon, and, by the rules of what is called honour, forced into a personal interview with Colonel Gordon. God only can know the event, and into his hands I commit my soul, conscious only of having done my duty.

"I therefore declare this to be my last will and testament, and do hereby revoke all former wills, &c. I have made at any time.

"In the first place, I commit my soul to Almighty God, in hopes of his mercy and pardon for the irreligious step I now (in compliance with the unwarrantable customs of this wicked world) put myself under the necessity of taking.

"I have 150 l. in Bank notes, inclosed to my dear brother, John Thomas, Esq; I also bequeath unto him whatever sums may be due to me from the agent of the first regiment of guards, reserving a sufficient sum to pay my debts, which are inconsiderable; and I also give and bequeath unto him all my books and household furniture, and every thing of which I am now possessed. I give and bequeath to Thomas Hobbet, my servant, 50 l. which I request my brother will pay him. What debts may be now owing, I request my brother will immediately discharge. FRED. THOMAS.

Wednesday night, Sept. 3. 1783."

"P. S. I commit this into the hands of my friend Captain Hill, of the 1st regiment of guards."

Extract of a letter from Montreal, in Canada, July 28.

"We have had the hottest and dryest summer ever remembered during a long residence in this part of the globe; insomuch that the small rivers into the Indian countries, navigable for canoes, have been dried up; and the dealers have, at vast trouble, brought their goods over land, which will in some sort account to you for the supply not having been so good as in some former years. It is much feared here that the Americans, according to the plans of treaty handing about among us, will now come in for a great part of this valuable trade, as they will necessarily lay claim to all their own boundaries; nor is it unlikely they will find means also, on the score of traffick, to cross the river, and inveigle the Indians northward to their markets: Nothing but exceeding watchfulness, and being prepared to nip every such proceeding in the bud, can prevent it. It is talked as if the islands of Philippeaux and Royale, on Lake Superior, will be made places of defence, and erected into governments, dependent upon the nearest provinces; at any rate, it will be pleasing to have settlers there, which will make it necessary for the British government to adopt the same plan at Pontchartrain and Isle Maurepas."

Extract of a letter from Birmingham, Sept. 18.

"A letter to a capital house in this town, received by last post, has the following extract, dated Lisbon, Aug. 30, 1783:

"By a Portugueze ship, a few days since arrived from India, advice is received, that the English have taken from Hyder Ally, a place called Piro, on the Malabar coast, and found therein gold, &c. which loaded seven camels; and that they have also taken a large Dutch India ship, with ten lacks of rupees on board, 70,000 l."

Extract of a letter from Newcastle upon Tyne, received yesterday.

"George Christie, condemned at our assizes for forgery on the Tyne Bank, and defrauding the partners of 135 l. is respited till the 9th of November, upon a very extraordinary circumstance. After sentence of death was passed upon him, and he was ordered for execution, he discovered that one of the jury was a young man, who answered for his father, a tradesman of this town, of a different Christian name. The son was impannelled upon this jury, and the prisoner conceiving a point of law to be in his favour, petitioned to the Judges, Buller and Mr Baron Eyre, to have the opinion of the twelve Judges.—The Judges ordered a strict enquiry into the character of the son, and, finding no exception to that, told the prisoner he should have challenged the son before he was sworn on the jury. The prisoner said he did not know of the mistake at the time. The Judges then said, that the objection, in their concurrent opinion, had no weight; but, however, they would take the opinion of the Judges the first day of next term, and advised the unfortunate man not to expect any remission of his sentence."

PRICES OF CORN AT CORN EXCHANGE, *Sept.* 19.

Per Quarter.	
Wheat, 28 s. a 53 s.	Boiling ditto, 30 s.
Fine ditto, ditto.	Tick Beans, 28 s.
Rye, 18 s. a 21 s.	Small ditto, 33 s.
Oats, 14 s. a 21 s.	Tares, 20 s. a 28 s.
Barley, 20 s. a 29 s.	Per Stick.
Malt, 37 s. a 40 s.	Fine Flour, 40 s.
Grey Peafe, 28 s.	Second Sort, 38 s.
White ditto, ditto.	Rape Seed, 27 l. per Last.

PRICE OF STOCKS, SEPT. 20.

Bank Stock, shut.	India Stock, —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, shut.	3 per cent. Ann. —
3 per cent. con. 62¼ a 62.	India Bonds, 19 a 20 dis.
3 per cent. red. shut.	Exchequer Bills, 13 a 15 dis.
3 per cent. 1726, —	Navy Bills, 12 dis.
Long Ann. 18¼.	3 per cent. Scrip. 63¼.
Short Ann. 1778, —	4 per cent. Scrip. —
South Sea Stock, —	Light Long Ann. —
3 per cent. Old Ann. shut.	Omnium, —
Ditto New Ann. —	Lottery Tickets, 15 l. a 14 l. 19 s.
Ditto 1751. —	

WIND AT DEAL.
SEPT. 19. S. S. W.

EXCHANGES, LONDON WITH HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, 34 9 2½ U.	Agio of the Bank from Holland, 4½ per cent.
Ditto Sight, 34 4.	
Rotterdam, 34 11 2½ U.	

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Sept. 20.

"The articles of peace with Holland give general satisfaction, so much so that even the *coalition* is acknowledged to have stepped forward in a moment partial to the interests and glory of the empire. The negociation has been professedly the work of Mr Fox; he treated with the Mynheers as a British Minister ever ought, and his determined conduct has completely fixed them in that state of humiliation they so insidiously projected for us.

"Stocks begin to look up, but in such a proportion as not to hold out very inviting prospects. The *bulls* and *bears* are in vain at work to whisk it with a *breeze*; for some time past they have been the dupes of their own deceptions.

"The cession of Negapatnam by the Dutch is of infinite importance to us, and of a very malignant complexion to the interests of these States in the east. The ardour with which an endeavour had been made to prevail on our resignation of it, and the anxiety with which its former owners would pledge us to accept of *an equivalent*, are very good *traits* of the abilities and virtue of those who had the conduct of that interesting concern.

"Some new Peerages are talked of.

"The negative direct has, in every day's progress since the advancement of the present Administration, been given to that abominable hypothesis, "That the sun of British glory would "set on the emancipation of America." Our affairs in the east, our prospects in the west, and our *returned* importance in Europe, are convincing proofs to what a height of consequence and glory an able Minister is capable, at any time, of raising this country.

"A letter from Paris says, it is a moot point whether the Compte de Grasse will meet condemnation, or acquittal. If opinion leans at all, it is in favour of the latter. There are some who pretend to say, that he is not thought so very ungraciously of at Versailles.

"It is said within this week, that complaints of a harsh nature are to be exhibited against Commodore J——, for ungentlemanly and cruel usage to some of his officers, in his late expedition to India.

"A number of resolutions are to be moved in the House of Commons early on the meeting of parliament, with a view of rescinding those formerly entered into against Mr Hastings and Mr Sullivan.—The late accounts from India have given new ardor to the former panegyrists.

"A gentleman, of a very speculative and searching turn of mind, returned within a few days from France, where he has resided during the two last years of the war, has assured a correspondent, that, considering the relative circumstances and resources of the belligerent powers, in the nature of things France could not comparatively support another campaign.

"Nothing can equal the struggle of emulation between the theatres of Drury-Lane and Covent-Garden—Tragic powers are held to be nearly equipoised—but music with all its charms of fanaticism professedly triumphs at the latter.

"Notwithstanding the early maturity of the harvest in general, in the western parts of the kingdom, the late rains have done infinite mischief.

"Mr Pitt is expected home early next month.

"It is said to be the scheme of Administration to set their face, in the first instance, against every kind of Irish requisition that can possibly lead by *gradation* to the demands of *extravagance*.

"It may be relied upon, that the Empress of Russia has determined not to recede a single *iota* from any of the requisitions to the Ottoman Porte.

"Such of the returned convicts as have been the most desperate and offending, are to meet with no mercy. There are, this night, in the cells of Newgate one hundred and ten capital convicts!

"Mr Hartley's return to France is still talked of on the score of the commercial treaty. We have good authority to declare, that America, for the sake of *getting credit*, may be inclined to give us the preference; yet, at the same time, she will not give us the most trifling monoply of any branch of her commerce."

On Monday last, Alexander Anderson, Esq; merchant in London, was married here, to Miss Mary Hog, youngest daughter of Roger Hog, Esq; of Newliston, and set off immediately for England.

Robert Steuart, Esq; of Ballechin, died on the 21st current.

On Friday died, the Rev. Mr Hamilton at Cathcart.

Yesterday, the Lord Provost and Magistrates gave an elegant entertainment, at Fortune's, to the Officers of the 73d regiment, lately returned from Gibraltar. A number of other officers were likewise invited, and partook of the entertainment. The privates, at the same time, were presented with twelve guineas, and this morning marched for Stirling, where they are to be disembodied.

This day, the following Gentlemen were chosen Merchant and Trades Counsellors for the ensuing year, viz.

Merchant Counsellors.
Messr. James Fyfe,
James Eyre,
Francis Blair,

Trades Counsellors.
James Gibson, Surgeon,
William Brodie, Wright,

The prices of grain of all kinds continue to fall.—The price of the best oat meal in Edinburgh market yesterday was thirteen pence the peck.—Inferior a shilling.—Potatoes sixpence.

In consequence of the prospect of a flourishing trade on account of the peace, we hear the merchants of Paisley intend establishing a Bank there, and the Royal Bank of Scotland is to establish a branch at Glasgow.

The Bank of Scotland has, within these few years, established branches in many of the principal towns of Scotland, to the great benefit of the public.

The Catharine, Malon, from Leith, arrived at Grenada, the 15th of July.

The property and dominion of lesser Tartary and the Peninsula of Crimea, exclusive of the island of Taman, and the province of Caban in Asia, which forms the northern boundary of Georgia, that has now been annexed to the Russian empire, contains a tract of country considerably larger than Ireland, lying on the borders of the Black Sea from the Don to the Danube, within 150 miles of Constantinople. This event will probably commence a new æra in the commercial history, by bringing about that mercantile communication between the northern provinces of Persia and Europe, which was nearly projected by that consummate politician Peter the Great, and attempted some years ago by an English company of merchants under the conduct of the ingenious Jonas Hanway, by a navigation from the Russ Tartarian city of Astracan on the Wolga, to Raschid in Persia, across the Caspian Sea, but miscarried by the convulsions that kingdom underwent after the assassination of Thamas Kouli Kan. Mr Hanway, who is still in being, may yet live to see this great design effected on the Euvion, under the auspices of the great Princess who so eminently fills the Czarish throne. The woollen manufactures of Great Britain will by this means once more find their way up the Levantine seas, in whose ports there was once sold of them, annually, 30,000 pieces.

A letter from Limerick, dated Sept. 11. says, "This day arrived here from Bengal, the ship Surprise, a Company's packet, mounting 26 guns; she brings the ratification of the Mahratta peace, with favourable accounts of our military operations on the coast of Coromandel and Malabar.

"Major John M'Gowan, who came passenger in her, is charged with dispatches from his Excellency Sir Eyre Coote, to the Secretary at War."

Extract of a letter from Jedburgh, Sept. 20.

"Yesterday the Circuit Court of Justiciary was opened here by the Right Hon. the Lord Hailes. There was no criminal business before his Lordship at this place. The Court was adjourned to this day, when his Lordship heard counsel, and determined an appeal in a civil cause from the Sheriff of the county of Roxburgh. The Court was then adjourned to Monday the 22d instant, the last day of the ayre, when they proceed to Dumfries."

The following is the Committee of five from each county, chosen by ballot at the Dungannon meeting, to represent them in a grand national convention, to be held at noon in the Royal Exchange of Dublin, on the 10th day of November next:

Antrim Delegates.	*Down.*
Colonel O'Neill,	Colonel Robert Stewart,
Lieut. Colonel Sharman,	Captain Mathew Ford, jun.
Colonel Rowley,	Major Crawford,
Captain W. Todd Jones,	Colonel Patrick Savage,
Colonel J. M. Jones.	Captain Gawin Hamilton.
Armagh.	*Fermanagh.*
Earl of Charlemont,	Colonel Irwin,
Lieut. Col. Brownlow,	Col. Sir Arth. Brooke,
Sir Capel Molyneux,	Captain A. C. Hamilton,
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir. Walter Synnot,	Jason Hazard, Esq;
Captain Dawson.	Captain James Armstrong.
Cavan.	*Londonderry.*
Lord Farnham,	Lord Bishop of Derry,
The Honourable J. J. Maxwell,	Col. Right Honourable T. Conolly,
Captain F. Saunderson,	Col. Right Honourable Edward Cary,
Colonel G. Montgomery,	Captain Leckey,
Captain H. Clements.	Captain Ferguson.
Donegall.	*Monaghan.*
Colonel A. Montgomery,	Col. Charles Powell Leslie,
Colonel John Hamilton,	Col. Fran. Lucas,
Colonel A. Stewart,	Col. John Montgomery,
Colonel R. M'Clintock,	Captain William Foster,
Lieut. Col. C. Nesbitt.	Col. James Hamilton.

Wednesday se'ennight, in a garden near Loughneagh, a potatoe-stalk was dug up, which measured 20 feet in length, from which was gathered a large basket of potatoes; underneath the stem, in a circumference of about 4 feet, were found eighty-one uncommonly large, each of which contained a stone the exact size and figure of a potatoe-apple. These stones are so transparent, that the apple-seed can be seen distinctly, and are as hard as any Loughneagh pebble.—It is very remarkable, that about eight years ago, in the same garden, grew a potatoe stalk which covered a circumference of nine yards, from which was gathered four hundred and eighty-eight large potatoes; the account was then published in the Belfast News-Letter.—Several ladies and gentlemen have already applied for some of these petrified vegetables, to get made into watch seals; but none has been yet given, the proprietor holds them in such estimation.—*Belfast Mercury.*

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Sept. 13.

"The beginning of this week so violent and rapid were the floods in different parts of the country, that the hay made up in the meadows, along the banks of the Shannon, Suck, &c. was carried away. A new bridge, between Nenagh and Kildare, was also borne down, and a mill, with the other offices belonging to it, was destroyed by the impetuosity of the waters."

"Friday, advice was received, that the Primrose, Captain Stanton, from Cork, for the West Indies, had foundered on her passage; the crew was taken up by a vessel in sight, but the ship and cargo are entirely lost.

"Notwithstanding the multiplicity of business done at the New Bank, at 5 per cent. the old Bank does not discount bills under six per cent. as formerly.

"It is said there will be shortly a General Court of the Proprietary of the National Bank called, for the purpose of encreasing their capital stock to one million Sterling."

Extract of a letter from Cork, Sept. 1.

"Late last night a most unfortunate affray happened at the Guard-house in this City:—A Lieutenant W——n, of the 32d regiment, having dined in a large company, became much intoxicated; in consequence of which, it is said, he committed some little irregularities, when a challenge was about to take place. His friends perceiving the condition he was in, and the effects that were likely to ensue, caused him to be taken to the guard-house. Lieut. W——t, the officer of the guard, objected to his company, saying, "he would not be so disturbed by any one:" but not receiving any satisfactory answer from W——n, he drew his sword, and ran him through the heart; and in a second thrust through the arm. W——n died immediately, and and W——t absconded. Several parties are sent out after the latter, and no doubt he will be taken. The deceased is much lamented, having been universally esteemed. At the time of his death he was not prepared to defend himself; his sword having been previously taken from him."

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND,

Sept. 2. Sucress of Dundee, White, from Petersburgh, for Dundee, with flax and iron.
Garlieth of Aberdeen, Bremer, from London, for Petersburgh, ballast.
Five Brothers of Leith, Cruden, from Dantzick, for Leith, with wheat.
3. Dolphin of Dundee, Kid, from Petersburgh, for Dundee, flax, &c.
Jean of ditto, Scott, from ditto, for ditto, with ditto.
Love and Unity of Aberdeen, Byres, from Riga for Leith, with grain.
4. Europa of Dysart, Jaap, from ditto, for ditto, with ditto.
Favourite of Dundee, Hutten, from ditto, for Dundee, with ditto.
Concord of Carron, Easton, from Dantzick, for Leith, with ditto.
Jamison of Dysart, Hutton, from Dantzick, for Leith, with wheat.
Concord of Dundee, Nith, from Petersburgh, for Dundee, flax, &c.
John of Montrose, Renny, from ditto, for Montrose, with ditto.
Four Brothers of Torryburn, Laing, of and from ditto, for Riga, ballast.
5. Friendship of Leith, Liddell, from Stockholm, for Leith, iron, &c.
Nancy of Limekilns, Bonner, from Petersburg, for ditto, with flax, &c.
Neptune of Dysart, Mitchell, from Memel, for Dundee, with balks.
Hamilton of Saltcoats, Johnston, from ditto, for Dublin, with ditto.

ELSINORE, SEPT. 6. Wind W. WALTER WOOD.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, Sept. 23.—Betsey, Sharp, from Queensferry, with ashes.—24. Good Intent, Primrose, from Borrowstounness, with pease and rye; Katharine, Muirhead, from Dunbar, with oil; Lady Elisabeth, Gray, from Whitby, with ditto; Jean and Janet, Spittal, from Kirkcaldy, in ballast; Star, Ritchie, from London, with goods; Elisabeth, Turcan, from Alloa, with coals.

SAILED, Friendship, Milne, for Aberdeen, with goods.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK, Sept. 18. Lilly, Gillies, from Londonderry, in ballast.—19. Cornwallis, Fife, from Liverpool, with brick and stones.—Glasgow Packet, Roger, from Virginia, with slaves and tar.—21. Dolphin, Mackay, from Ballicastle, in ballast; Jeanie, Ferguson, from Ballantrae, in ditto; James, Mackenzie, from the Isle of Man, with herrings.

SAILED, 19. Tryton, Martindale, for Liverpool, with goods; Nelly and Peggy, Macintyre, for Waterford, in ditto; Sidera, Lang, for Dublin, with goods; Polly, Wilson, for Virginia, with ditto; Peggy, Kilpatrick, for Dublin, with ditto.

Leith, Sept. 22, 1783.

UPON the 22d day of last month, the Grammar School of South Leith, under the charge of Mr JOHN WILSON, was examined previous to the usual vacation, in presence of the Magistrates, Ministers, a considerable number of the principal inhabitants, and several Gentlemen of literary qualifications in the neighbourhood. The boys in the different classes gave specimens of their acquaintance with the principles of Grammar, and of their knowledge of the Latin and Greek Languages, Roman Antiquities, and Geography, ancient and modern, to the entire satisfaction of all present. Mr Wilson is recommended in the warmest manner for his abilities, assiduity, method of teaching, and being in every other respect qualified for his office, and deserving encouragement.

Signed, in name of the Meeting, by
THOMAS SCOTT, } Ministers.
JOHN LOGAN, }

The SCHOOL is to be opened on the 29th current, when a Rudiments Class will be begun. Young Gentlemen farther advanced may be received into the higher classes. Writing and Arithmetic are taught at private hours.

COUNTY OF EDINBURGH.

THE Michaelmas Meeting of the Barons and Freeholders of the Shire of Edinburgh, is to be held upon Tuesday the 30th September instant, at 12 o'clock mid-day, within the Inner Session-house, Edinburgh.

N. B. The Trustees of the Turnpike Roads, and Commissioners of Supply of the Shire of Edinburgh, and Justices of Peace of said shire, at their Quarter Sessions, are to meet the same time and place.

COUNTY OF HADDINGTON.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Freeholders of the County of Haddington, that their Michaelmas Meeting falls to be held this year, upon Tuesday the 30th day of September instant, in place of the 7th day of October, as formerly advertised.

Michaelmas Head-Court for Dumbarton-Shire.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Freeholders of Dumbarton shire, that the Michaelmas Head Court falls to be held this year, upon Tuesday the 7th day of October next, and that a claim for inrollment, in favour of Thomas Buchanan of Ardoch, has been duly lodged with the sheriff Clerk.——It is requested that the meeting be as full as possible, as there is to be laid before it, the draught of a petition to Parliament anent Freehold Qualifications.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

UPON the application of SAMUEL PARTRIDGE, Junior, and SAMUEL PUNFIELD of Birmingham, merchants and partners, with the concurrence of James Murray, Henry Palmer, and Catharine Bisset, executors of the last will and testament of John Bisset of Birminghame deceased, and of Messr. John Mossman and Co. merchants in Edinburgh, their attornies, the Lord Elliock officiating as Ordinary on the Bills, did, on the 23d of September current, SEQUESTRATE the whole estate, real and personal, of the said Samuel Partridge, junior, and Samuel Punfield, whether as a company or as individuals, situated within the jurisdiction of the Court; and appointed their creditors to meet at Glasgow, within the house of James Buchanan vintner there, on Monday the 13th of October next, at 12 o'clock noon, in order to name a factor on the said sequestrated estate, in terms of the statute; and granted warrant and commission to the Sheriff-depute of the shire of Lanerk, or his substitutes, and failing them, to any of the Magistrates of Glasgow, or Justices of the Peace of the said shire of Lanark, to attend the said meeting of Creditors, and to receive production of their grounds of debt, with the oaths required by the statute. Whereof this public intimation is given to the creditors of the said Samuel Partridge, junior, and Samuel Punfield, agreeable to the statute and order of Court.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

WALTER HOG Accountant in Edinburgh, Trustee for the Creditors of Messrs FRANCIS GARBETT and COMPANY, late of Carron Wharf, and Mr CHARLES GASCOIGNE, one of the partners of that Company, hereby intimates to the said creditors, that a Memorial respecting the affairs of the said Francis Garbett and Company, and a State of the Trust-funds and Effects come to his knowledge, shewing what part of them have been converted into money, and what part of them are not converted; a State of his Accompt as trustee, to the 2d current; and a State of the Debts claiming against the said Francis Garbett and Co. and Charles Gascoigne, distinguishing what of these have been proved from what of them appear not to have been proved, are made up, and lie at his house in the Abbeyhill, subject to the inspection of the creditors or their agents.

HOUSES AND LAND AT STIRLING.

TO be SOLD by public roup within the Coffeehouse in Stirling, upon Friday the 3d of October 1783, at three o'clock afternoon,

SIX ACRES of the Lands of BATTERFLAT of CAMBUSBARRON, lying near the King's Park of Stirling, on both sides of the high way; and several HOUSES and a GARDEN in the Backrae of Stirling, belonging to Thomas Law in Stirling, and George Law his son. The price to be payable, and the purchaser to enter to the rents at Martinmas next.

For further particulars, or for a private bargain, apply to William Brown merchant in Stirling, or James Chrystal writer there.

Wanted to Borrow at Martinmas next,

THE Sum of SIX THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING, upon undoubted heritable security over an Eſtate in the ſouth of Scotland, of upwards of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling of free rent.

Apply to John Robertſon writer, Meal-market Stairs, Edinburgh.

AN EXPERIENCED TANNER,

WHO is well qualified to conduct the operations and buſineſs of a large Tan Yard, may have ſuitable encouragement, by correſponding with, or applying to the Tannery company in Aberdeen. His entry may be as ſoon as convenient for himſelf. None need apply but who have ſufficient abilities, and unexceptionable good character.

For Kingſton, Morant Bay, and Martha Brae, or Montego Bay,

The Ship CASTLESEMPLE,

ALEX. MACKINLAY MASTER,

Now lying at Greenock, and will be ready to take on board goods by the 10th current.

She is a ſtout veſſel, well fitted up for paſſengers, and will ſail about the firſt of October.

For freight or paſſage apply to Alexander Houſton and Company.

GLASGOW, SEPTEMBER 1. 1783.

FOR BOSTON AND HALIFAX,

THE HOPE,

JOHN CLOUSTON Maſter,

Will be ready to receive goods on board at Port Glaſgow in a few days, and will be clear to ſail about the 10th of October.

The Hope is a good veſſel, copper-bottomed, and a faſt ſailer; alſo, has good accommodation for paſſengers.

For freight or paſſage apply to James Mitchell and Co. merchants in Glaſgow.

GLASGOW, Sept. 10. 1783.

TO be SOLD by public roup in the Ship Coffeehouſe, Leith, on Wedneſday the 11th October, between 4 and 5 o'clock afternoon,

The Ship BELLONA, of about

240 tons burthen, copper bottomed, and a remarkable ſwift ſailer. She is of ſuch a ſize and height of decks, as would anſwer well for the Weſt India or Mediterranean trade, or the whale fiſhing.

The ſhip preſently lies in Leith harbour.—Articles of roup, and inventory of rigging and ſtores, may be ſeen at Anderſon and Cundel's, merchants in Leith, who likewiſe have power to ſell her by private bargain, if purchaſers ſo incline.

If the Bellona is not ſold on or before the 1ſt proximo, a freight for her will be accepted on reaſonable terms.

EXCISE OFFICE, EDINBURGH, *Sept.* 19. 1783.

By order of the Hon. Commiſſioners of Excife,

THERE is to be expoſed to SALE by public auction, at Anſtruther, on Friday next, being the 26th current, 307 Gallons FOREIGN GENEVA.

EXCISE OFFICE, EDINBURGH, 18th September 1783.

By Order of the Hon. Commiſſioners of Excife.

ON FRIDAY the 26th September inſtant, there will be expoſed to public SALE by public auction, in the Exciſe Ware-houſe in LEITH, at one o'clock afternoon,

540 Gallons of FOREIGN BRANDY, contained in half ankers, appriſed at 7 s. 6 d. per gallon.

400 Gallons of FOREIGN GENEVA, contained in ankers, appriſed at 7 s. per gallon.

The conditions of SALE, and the ſpirits, (which were ſome time ſince condemned in his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer) may be ſeen at the Exciſe Warehouſe in Leith, on the day before, and morning of the day of ſale.

PETITION TO PARLIAMENT.

By order of the Truſtees, for putting in execution the Acts of Parliament, for making and repairing the Turnpike Roads in the Shire of Edinburgh, and the Commiſſioners of Supply for ſaid Shire,

NOTICE is hereby given, That a petition is to be preſented to the Parliament of Great Britain, in the enſuing Seſſion, praying that powers may be granted to the ſaid Truſtees, to borrow on the ſecurity of the Tolls and duties collected and levied from the Toll Barrs within the diſtrict of Laſſwade, in the ſaid Shire, an additional ſum not exceeding 2000 l. Sterling, for the uſe of the Turnpike Roads in the ſaid diſtrict, over and above the ſums already borrowed on the ſecurity of the ſaid Tolls and Duties; as alſo praying, that powers may be granted to the ſaid Truſtees, to make ſome alterations in the preſent method of laying on, and levying the ſtatute work within the ſaid Shire.

By order of the ſaid Truſtees and Commiſſioners of Supply,

SAM. MITCHELSON, Jun. Clerk.

A HOUSE TO LET.

THAT LODGING, in the Abbey of Holyroodhouſe, ſome time poſſeſſed by the Earl of Glaſgow, is to be let for ſuch number of years as can be agreed on, either furniſhed or unfurniſhed. It conſiſts of dining room, drawing-room, three bed-chambers, and dreſſing-room, ſervants hall, kitchen, &c. &c. Rent furniſhed 100 l. yearly; unfurniſhed 40 l.

For further particulars, enquire at Meſſrs Hamilton and Son, Canongate.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE BARGAIN,

Either altogether or ſeparately, as can be agreed on,

THAT GREAT STONE TENEMENT of

LAND, lying within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyroodhouſe, on the north ſide of the High Street, within the ſtrand, commonly called THOMSON'S LAND, conſiſting of three ſtoreys, with a Dwelling-houſe and Shop in the ground ſtorey, all fronting the ſtreet, containing nine dwelling-houſes, cellars, &c. preſently poſſeſſed by good tenants, at 42 l. Sterling of yearly rent. Theſe ſubjects are liable to no impoſt or other exactions from the town of Edinburgh, and hold of a ſubject-ſuperior for payment of two pennies Scots yearly.

The writs and title-deeds, which are unexceptionably clear, to be ſeen in the hands of Andrew Pitcairn writer in Edinburgh; and the ſubjects will be ſhown by John Lindſay reſiding in them, with either of whom any perſon intending to purchaſe may commune.

TO BE LET,

A BLEACHFIELD, ſituated in a populous manufacturing county, with the Machinery and Utenſils thereto belonging, and a Lint-mill, and Barley-mill, and Ground adjoining, well ſheltered and incloſed, with a ſouth expoſure conſiſting of from ſix to eight acres; with a large convenient Dwelling-houſe and offices.—From its large command of ſpring water, brought from a conſiderable diſtance in pipes, it is reckoned peculiarly fit for bleaching light or fine goods, ſuch as long lawns, cambrics, or fine linens, thread or thread ſtockings; and from the number of houſes, a large manufacture of theſe two laſt articles might be carried on there to great advantage. It is in the neighbourhood of coal, and if more ſpring water is wanted than what is already brought in, two other ſprings can be added at a trifling expence. The dwelling-houſe is large and commodious, with large and convenient offices, and is pleaſantly ſituated among very thriving plantations, and in every reſpect a convenient and deſirable place to live at.

For further particulars, apply to Andrew Steel writer in Edinburgh.

A BREWERY, &c. to LET in TACK.

TO be LET and entered to immediately, for ſuch number of years as may be agreed upon, That convenient and well-frequented BREWERY ſituated on the eaſt ſide of the Watergate, foot of Canongate, formerly poſſeſſed by Mr William Fenton, conſiſting of a good Dwelling-houſe, Brewhouſe, Malt Barn, Loft, Kiln, Stable, plenty of good water, and other conveniencies, all within itſelf.

ALSO,

To be SOLD, a COMPLETE SET OF BREWING UTENSILS, in good condition.

For particulars, apply to George Rae, Leith Wynd, Edinburgh.

SALE OF LANDS IN CLACKMANNAN SHIRE,

Very fit for the Diſtillery Buſineſs.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the houſe of James Wingate vintner in Stirling, upon Friday the 26th September 1783, betwixt the hours of four and ſix afternoon, by the Truſtee for the creditors of James Guild of Myretoun, the proprietor, and that in whole or in parcels, as purchaſers ſhall incline, and to be entered to at Martinmas next,

The Lands and Eſtates of MYRETOUN and

BALQUHARN, comprehending the Farms of Dams and Dolls; and alſo, all right which the ſaid James Guild had to the feu-duties and ſuperiorities of Kirktoun of Tullibody, lying in the pariſh of Logie, and county of Clackmannan.

Theſe lands of Myretoun and Balquharn, on which there is a conſiderable oak wood, almoſt ready for cutting, have been for theſe many years in the natural poſſeſſion of the aforeſaid James Guild and his ſons, are in excellent order, and moſt delightfully ſituated, partly upon and partly at the foot of the Ochill Hills, lying about four miles eaſt of Stirling, two miles north of Alloa, and one mile north from Cambus, where there are good harbours for ſhips of conſiderable burden. The lands are bounded in part by the links of the water of Devon, where there is plenty of trout, on the ſouth, ſtretching backward over the Ochill Hills, nearly to Sheriff Muir, about four miles in length, and one and a half in breadth; the country around, as well as the lands themſelves abounding with all ſorts of game.

As the lands are preſently laid out, they conſiſt of four different diviſions, viz. Myretoun, Balquharn, Dams and Dolls, on each of which, particularly on Myretoun, there is an exceeding good manſion houſe two ſtories high, covered with ſlate, and well finiſhed, with proper offices, all in good condition; and there are four large and capacious barns, conveniently ſituated on the lands, beſides a dove-cote, and a large garden and orchard, of near four acres, on the diviſion of Myretoun.

On each of the diviſions of Balquharn and Dolls, were lately erected, at very great expence, a large Diſtillery, with proper accommodations for that buſineſs, and particularly mills for manufacturing both malt and meal, with large byre and ſwine houſes, capable of maintaining a great number of cattle; and the mills, as well as the ſtill-houſes, are abundantly ſupplied with good water.

The lands of Balquharn hold of the Crown, and are about 200l. of valuation; and the lands of Myretoun hold of a ſubject ſuperior for a trifling feu-duty of one penny Scots yearly; the entry of each heir and ſingular ſucceſſor being taxed to one ſhilling Sterling, and the teinds are valued, and almoſt exhauſted by ten bolls of meal paid to the miniſter, with a triſle of vicarage.

On the whole Lands there are about 200 acres very fine kerſe ground, all incloſed and ſubdivided into about twenty-five regular incloſures, well watered, and from 8 to 12 acres each, and about 50 acres of arable dry field land, the croſting of which, being about 20 acres, is valuable, beſides a large tract of excellent paſture ground, fit both for ſheep and other cattle, and capable of much improvement, at a ſmall expence., on the face of the hill, the proprietor's attention having hitherto been beſtowed on the low ground; and if the whole lands and diſtilleries were now to be let for a term of years, it is expected they might fetch about 550l. Sterling of yearly rent.

The Lands will be ſhown by John Alexander, ſenior, at Menſtrie, James Duncanſon, jun. of Sheriffmuir-lands, James Hall at Nether Balquharn, or John M'Nab at Myreton.

The articles of roup and progreſs of writs will be the ſeen in the hands of James Wright writer in Stirling, and copies of the inventory and articles will be ſeen in the hands of Mr Stephen Maxwell merchant in Glaſgow, and Robert Jamieſon writer to the ſignet Edinburgh; and it is requeſted that the Creditors of the ſaid James Guild will call upon the ſaid James Wright, and ſign the deed of acceſſion to the truſt right as ſoon as poſſible.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouſe of Edinburgh, upon Thurſday the 11th December 1783, at five o'clock afternoon,

The Lands of KILLHILL GARLOWBANK,

LANGBANK, and part of SHIELHILL, lying within the pariſhes of Kirkiemuir and Othlaw, and ſheriffdom of Forfar, and paying about 356 l. Sterling of free rent, which riſes after Michaelmas 1788 to 370 l.

This eſtate conſiſts of 1338 Scots acres, whereof 718 are arable. It lies about a mile eaſt from Kirkiemuir, and within three miles of Forfar.—There is near and eaſy acceſs to marle from the Loch of Kinnordie on the one hand, and from the Loch of Forfar upon the other; by the uſe of which manure the lands may be greatly improved, and the rental raiſed, eſpecially as no rent is preſently put upon 340 acres lately ſet apart to this eſtate on the diviſion of the foreſt of Platon. The lands hold partly of the Crown, and partly of a ſubject. Thoſe held of the Crown are valued at 590 l. 8 s. 4 d.

ALSO, the Lands of DRAKEMYRE, ACHNADY, and BURNHEAD, lying within the pariſh of Othlaw, and ſheriffdom of Forfar, preſently paying of free rent about 51 l. Sterling, but which ſoon riſes to 58 l. Theſe lands conſiſt of about 240 Scots acres, whereof 120 are old infield, and 22 good haugh and meadow ground. They lie contiguous to the above eſtate, and hold of a ſubject ſuperior for payment of a triſling feu-duty.

For further particulars, apply to David Erſkine clerk to the ſignet, who has power to conclude a private bargain for both or either of the above eſtates:

TO be SOLD by public auction within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 27th day of November 1783, between the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The Lands and Eſtate of COWHILL, lying

in the pariſh of Holywood, and ſhire of Dumfries, and within four meaſured miles of that town. It contains rather more than 830 Scots acres; and the rental, free of public burdens, is 600 l. per annum, eſtimating thoſe parts of the eſtate in the proprietor's own poſſeſſion very moderately. The whole is divided into ſix farms, containing from 56 to 250 Scots acres each, ſeparately incloſed with a good ring fence, and regularly ſubdivided. On every farm there is a complete ſet of houſes and offices, well built and ſlated, and now in perfect repair.

This eſtate is beautifully ſituated on the banks of the Nith, where the proprietor has a valuable ſalmon-fiſhing. The land is all arable, and in a high ſtate of cultivation and improvement, the ſoil being remarkably good, and having been all well limed, except about twenty acres. The knows and riſing grounds are planted in clumps and ſtripes, and the trees ſerve for an ornament and ſhelter to the lands, and will ſoon be valuable as timber.

The lands hold of the Crown, and give a freehold qualification to the owner, who has alſo right to the teinds; and the title-deeds are clear and unexceptionable.

The manſion-houſe of Cowhill, built upon an eminence near the river, commands a proſpect of the pleaſant valley of Nith for ſome miles round, and is alſo in view of the town of Dumfries; and the elegance of the ſituation has always been much admired. A valuable free-ſtone quarry, lately wrought, lies within a quarter of a mile of the houſe.

The upſet price, for the encouragement of offerers, is now reduced to 11,500 l. Sterling, and the purchaſer may enter to the natural poſſeſſion at Candlemas, and to the rents at Whitſunday 1784.

The articles of roup, &c. are in the hands of Mr William Campbell writer to the ſignet; and John Stewart at Cowhill will ſhow the grounds.

FARMS TO LET.

TO be LET, for the ſpace of nineteen years, and entered to at the term of Martinmaſs next, the Farm of the WEST MAINS of DUNDAS, conſiſting of 98 acres Scots meaſure or thereby. AS ALSO, the Farm of WESTMUIR, both as preſently poſſeſſed by Andrew Young. There are dwelling-houſes and office-houſes on both farms, in complete order, and the grounds are all ſufficiently incloſed. Offers for theſe farms will be received by John Dundas clerk to the ſignet; and George Matthew at Dundas Caſtle will ſhow the grounds.

LANDS and ESTATE of STRATHMARTINE,

IN THE COUNTY OF FORFAR.

THAT upon Monday the 13th day of October next, there is to be expoſed to ſale, by public voluntary roup, within the houſe of William Gordon vintner in Dundee, at twelve o'clock mid-day, the Lands and Eſtate of STRATHMARTINE, lying in the pariſh of Strathmartine, and ſhire of Forfar, pleaſantly ſituate on both ſides of the little water of Dichty, within three ſhort miles of the burgh and harbour of Dundee, which is one of the moſt flouriſhing and populous trading ſea-port towns in Scotland.

This Eſtate is extenſive and very improveable, having ſhell marle on the ground, and an inexhauſtible fund of marle in the near neighbourhood at an eaſy purchaſe. There is likewiſe plenty of free ſtone in the ground for incloſing or building on the eſtate, which lies all quite contiguous, and is moſtly arable; and the moſt part of the grounds on this eſtate, which are preſently in muirs or paſture, may be improven into good arable land at a moderate expence.

There is a good manſion-houſe on the eſtate, with office-houſes, garden, &c. fit to accommodate a genteel family with very ſmall repairs; alſo a great deal of thriving planting on the eſtate, part of it full grown, and a conſiderable part of the eſtate is incloſed with ſufficient ſtone fences. The tenants houſes and ſteading are all lately rebuilt, or ſufficiently repaired, and the tenants taken bound to uphold them. The kirk and manſe of Strathmartine have been both rebuilt from the foundation within theſe four or five years, ſo as no repairs of theſe will fall upon the heritors for many years to come.

The lands and eſtate of Strathmartine hold of the Crown, and are valued in the ceſs rolls of the county at 7131. 14 s. 4 d. Scots; and Weſter Baldragop, being a late purchaſe, is ſeparately valued at 80 l. Scots more. The neat free rent of the whole eſtate for the year 1783, is 398 l. 11 s. 5 d. Sterling, beſides carriages and ſervices, viz. 28 bolls of coals from Dundee, 27 loads of peats, 56 ſhear dargs in harveſt, 22 days at weeding lint, ploughing of 7 acres of land, and 42 hand carriages; on all which no valuation is put; but by the tack of Kirktown of Strathmartine, one of the principal farms, the rent riſes 20 l. Sterling yearly for the crop 1784, and in time coming; and the rent of Baldragon alſo riſes 10 l. Sterling yearly for a lifetime, after the iſſue of the preſent tack. The Mains is at preſent let at 80 l. Sterling from year to year only, for the accommodation of a purchaſer. The whole eſtate is poſſeſſed by reſponſible tenants, and the rents punctually paid. The lands and mills of Craigmill, which were let in tack many years ago to Mr David Landales, now deceaſed, and the tack now far advanced, is ſubſet at 64 l. reckoning the widow's poſſeſſion at a moſt moderate rate, in place of 24 l. 4 s. the tack-duty on the preſent rental; and the preſent ſub-tenants carry on a very extenſive and advantageous flour and victual trade at the mills, which, with the granary and other buildings made thereon, fall in to the heritor, in ſufficient habitable condition, at the iſſue of the tack.

The progreſs of writs, which are complete and clear, with the conditions of ſale, and a rental of the eſtate, are to be ſeen in the hands of Thomas Rattray writer, Carrubber's Cloſe, Edinburgh; and any perſon inclining to purchaſe by private bargain, or otherwiſe, may apply to David Maxwell of Scottſtoun, advocate, the ſaid Thomas Rattray, or to Thomas Davidſon writer at the Town-clerk's Office, Dundee, who will ſhow a plan and meaſurement of the grounds, copies of the inventaries of the title-deeds, with the rentals, &c.; and David Kee at Strathmartine, or John Kinnear ground-officer there, will ſhow the grounds, with the different farms and boundaries of the eſtate, and give any further information required.

PRICE of BANGHOUSEWALLS, &c.

REDUCED.

TO be Sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 26th of November 1783, between the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon,

The LANDS of BANGHOUSEWALLS, lying in the pariſh of Eccles and county of Berwick, and divided into two poſſeſſions, one poſſeſſed by Walter Gray, called The Infield of Banghouſewalls, rented at - - - - L. 25 0 0

The other, called Banghouſewalls Hill, poſſeſſed by Robert Forſyth, at the rent of - - 30 0 0

L. 55 0 0

Theſe lands, with a ſmall clump of planting, meaſure 55 Engliſh acres, and are now to be expoſed at 1100 l. Sterling, being only twenty years purchaſe.

Alſo Three Incloſures of ECCLESHIELLS, lying in the ſaid pariſh and county. One of them, named Glebe Park, is not under leaſe, and valued at the rent of - - - L. 24 3 0

The other two, named Shiels Park and Gladeholes Park, are poſſeſſed by William Wood, at the rent of - 37 4 0

Stripes of planting, valued yearly at - 1 0 0

L. 62 7 0

Theſe incloſures, with the planting, meaſure 63 Engliſh acres, and are now to be expoſed at 1247 l. Sterling, being only twenty years purchaſe.

The progreſs of writs, plan of the lands, and articles of roup, to be ſeen in the hands of William Bethun writer in Edinburgh.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD, within the Parliament or New Seſſion-houſe of Edinburgh, upon the 10th December next, between the hours of four and five afternoon,

The Lands and Eſtate of DUNNASKINE,

which belonged to the deceaſed John Shaw of Dunnaſkine, lying in the pariſhes of Coylton and Dalmellington, and county of Ayr.

The proven yearly rent of theſe lands is, - -		L.	141	0 0
Deduct one-fifth for teind, the proprietor not having right to the teinds, -	L. 28 0 0			
Public burdens, -	1 2 7 2-12ths			
		29	2	7 2-12ths
Free rent, -		L.	111	17 4 10-12ths
Upſet-price whereof, at twenty-two years purchaſe, -		L.	2461	2 10 4-12ths
Add, value of free teind at five years purchaſe, after deducing miniſter's ſtipends, &c. -			94	4 1 2-12ths
Total proven value of property-lands,		L.	2555	6 1 6-12ths
Feu-duties payable yearly from certain ſubjects lying in the town of Dalmellington, feued to Robert Macgill and Gilbert Macwhirter, 3 l. 10 s. Sterling, which, valued at twenty-five years purchaſe, is -			37	10 0
Total proven value of the lands under ſale,		L.	2592	16 1 6-12ths

The lands are ſituated in the heart of a fine country, and capable of great improvement,

The title-deeds and articles of ſale may be ſeen in the hands of John Buchan writer to the ſignet, or John Callender depute-clerk of Seſſion.

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